

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on February 9, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 325, 1/27/2017
00:01:05 Chair Redfield

HEARING ON HB 325**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:55 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 325, Create exemption for raw milk producers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:37 David Herbst, Americans for Prosperity (AFP)
[EXHIBIT\(agh29a01\)](#)

00:09:35 Chris Rosenau, Self
[EXHIBIT\(agh29a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(agh29a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(agh29a04\)](#)

00:18:58 Jessie Lundberg, Self
00:29:10 Adelle Welch, Self
00:30:57 Kelly Niles, Self
00:33:23 Eric Bergman, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:37:34 Michele Crepeau, Self
00:39:06 Adam Sinnema, Self
00:40:23 Ashley Browning, Self
00:43:14 Lorelei Hallock, Self
00:45:32 Nicole Joyce, Self
00:45:42 Jared Smith, Self
00:45:55 Nathan Whitsel, Self
00:46:05 Aimee Heimberg, Self
[EXHIBIT\(agh29a05\)](#)

00:46:17 Sydney Morical, Self
00:46:29 Lee Nickelson, Self
00:46:41 Elizabeth McLean, Self
00:46:51 Ruth McLean, Self
00:47:02 Mike Hopkins, Self
00:47:20 Jennifer Holmes, Self
00:47:38 Joy Larson-McEvans, Self
[EXHIBIT\(agh29a06\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(agh29a07\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(agh29a08\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(agh29a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:48:03 Krista Lee-Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association (MMPA)
[EXHIBIT\(agh29a10\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(agh29a11\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(agh29a12\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(agh29a13\)](#)

00:58:00 Matt Kelley, Montana Health Association (MHA), Montana Environmental Association (MEA) & Montana Health Officials (MHO)

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a14\)](#)

01:03:39 Tim Read, Mineral County Sanitarian

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a15\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a16\)](#)

01:05:38 Mike Honeycutt, Department of Livestock (DOL)

01:15:06 Ed Waldner, Self

01:17:16 Dan Turcotte, Department of Livestock (DOL)

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a17\)](#)

01:20:49 Genie Rankin, Self

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a18\)](#)

01:27:23 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a19\)](#)

01:30:10 Quincy Orhai, Self

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a20\)](#)

01:36:36 Sue Brown, Self

01:36:47 Kim Ashmore, Sheep Mountain Creamery

01:36:59 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

01:37:14 Julie Lathert, Self

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a21\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a22\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a23\)](#)

01:37:40 Martin Zaluski, Montana State Vet

01:38:07 Rob Adamson, Meadow Gold

01:38:18 Mike Wurz, Cascade Colony Dairy

01:38:36 Andrew Wipf, Cut Bank Dairy Producer

Informational Testimony:

01:39:11 Mark Holzman, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

01:39:29 Al Smith, Self

01:39:54 Chad Lee, Milk Control Bureau

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a24\)](#)

01:43:36 Dan Stusek, Office of the State Auditor (ASO)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:25 Rep. Perry

01:45:43 Mark Holzman, DPHHS

01:47:39 Rep. McKamey

01:48:09 Genie Rankin, Self

01:48:30 Lorelei Hallock, Self

01:49:32 Rep. McKamey

01:50:06	Lorelei Hallock, Self
01:50:51	Rep. McKamey
01:51:03	Lorelei Hallock, Self
01:51:49	Rep. Harris
01:52:22	Rep. Ballance
01:52:37	Rep. Harris
01:53:05	Rep. Ballance
01:53:30	Rep. Harris
01:53:52	Rep. Ballance
01:54:37	Rep. Webb
01:55:02	Matt Kelley, MHA, MEA & MHO
01:55:08	Rep. Webb
01:55:30	Matt Kelley, MHA, MEA & MHO
01:56:20	Rep. Bennett
01:56:49	Rep. Ballance
01:57:28	Rep. Ricci
01:58:15	Chris Rosenau, Self
01:59:04	Rep. Ricci
01:59:29	Mike Honeycutt, DOL
01:59:45	Rep. Ricci
01:59:46	Mike Honeycutt, DOL
02:01:16	Rep. Sales
02:01:59	Rep. Ballance
02:02:21	Rep. Sales
02:02:31	Rep. Ballance
02:02:37	Rep. Sales
02:03:03	Rep. Ballance
02:03:19	Chris Rosenau, Self
02:04:05	Rep. Sales
02:04:19	Chris Rosenau, Self
02:04:27	Rep. Sales
02:05:06	Rep. Ballance
02:05:22	Rep. Sales
02:06:13	Rep. Ballance
02:06:35	Rep. Pierson
02:06:49	Rep. Ballance
02:07:10	Rep. Olsen
02:08:40	Krista Lee-Evans, MMPA
02:09:37	Rep. Olsen
02:10:40	Krista Lee-Evans, MMPA
02:11:32	Rep. Hamilton
02:12:57	Matt Kelley, MHA, MEA & MHO
02:14:18	Mark Holzman, DPHHS
02:15:59	Rep. Hamilton
02:17:07	Chris Rosenau, Self
02:21:17	Rep McKamey
02:22:02	Martin Zaluski, Montana State Vet
02:23:07	Chair Redfield
02:23:22	Martin Zaluski, Montana State Vet
02:23:31	Rep. Harris

02:24:24 Chris Rosenau, Self
02:25:20 Rep. Harris
02:25:43 Chris Rosenau, Self
02:26:32 Rep. Curdy
02:27:32 Martin Zaluski, Montana State Vet
02:28:27 Rep. Curdy
02:29:19 Martin Zaluski, Montana State Vet
02:29:29 Rep. Webb
02:29:49 Chris Rosenau, Self
02:31:12 Vice Chair Staffanson
02:31:54 Chris Rosenau, Self
02:33:42 Chair Redfield
02:34:13 Chris Rosenau, Self
02:35:18 Chair Redfield
02:35:31 Ed Waldner, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

02:37:32 Rep. Ballance

02:44:03 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

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Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh29aad.pdf](#))